

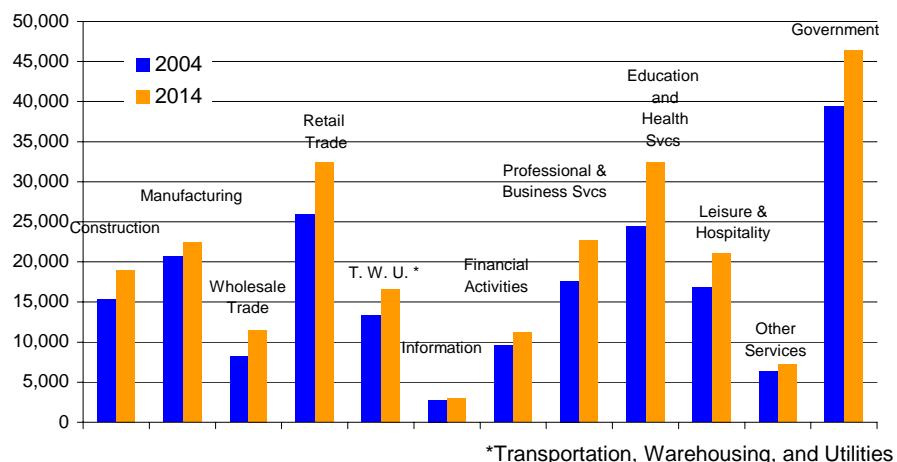
San Joaquin County Projection Highlights

Industry

Total employment for the area, which now includes Self-Employment, Unpaid Family Workers, Farm and Nonfarm employment, is expected to reach over 282,000 by 2014, an annual growth rate of just under 2 percent. This annual growth rate is faster than the growth rate for the state as a whole which is expected to increase about 1.6 percent annually during the same period.

Nonfarm employment, the major component of the total jobs tally, is expected to grow at almost 2.3 percent per year. Although all sectors, except the Farm sector, are expected to have increases, the largest gain should occur in Education and Health Services, Government, Retail Trade and Professional and Business Services.

The graph below displays estimated 2004 and forecasted 2014 employment levels for the major industry sectors in the county.



Wholesale Trade is expected to be the fastest growing industry sector based on an annual average growth rate of over 4 percent. Annual average growth rates in Education and Health Services (3.3 percent), Professional and Business Services (2.9 percent) and Leisure and Hospitality (2.6 percent), will also exceed the annual growth rate of about 2.3 percent per year.

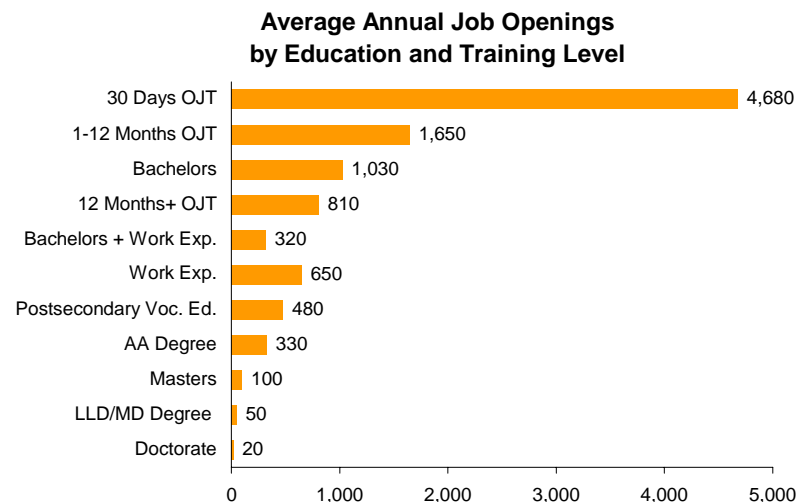
Occupations

Occupational projections for the period 2004 to 2014 forecast:

- About 46,700 new jobs from industry growth,
- About 56,800 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of about 103,500 job openings.

The 50 occupations with the most job openings are expected to generate 60,320 total job openings, about 58 percent of all job openings in San Joaquin County during the 2004-2014 period. The top six occupations include such occupations as Registered Nurses and Hand Laborers which pay about \$32 and \$11 an hour, respectively. Higher-skilled occupations requiring a Bachelor's degree or higher include General Managers and Teachers, among others.

The 50 fastest growing occupations are all expected to outpace the county's annual growth rate. The highest paid occupation in the list of fastest growing occupations is Pharmacist at \$50 an hour, followed by Sales Manager at \$42 an hour. As a result of the fast growing Health industry sector, there are a large number of health-related occupations on the list including technical and support occupations. The fastest growing occupations in these categories are Home Health Aides, Respiratory Therapists, Radiologic Technologists and Technicians, and Registered Nurses. Most of the occupations in these occupational sectors require at least an Associate degree.



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